



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Proposed Fishing Regulation Changes – 2020

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PLACID LAKE

- Catch-and-release for bass.
- Kokanee Salmon: 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- Snagging: open for Kokanee Salmon October 15 through December 31; 20 daily and 40 in possession.
- *Northern Pike: no limit. All Northern Pike caught must be killed immediately, kept and the entire fish turned in to FWP. Anglers who catch Northern Pike in Placid Lake are required to report the catch to FWP within 24 hours (406-542-5500). Anglers must provide their full name, ALS Number, phone number, date and time of capture, and location on the lake. Anglers are required to turn in the whole Northern Pike to a FWP office within 10 days of capture during regular business hours. Edible portions of the fish may be returned to angler upon request.*

Public Comments: No public comment has been solicited for this change.

FWP Rationale: This regulation change is in response to the recent discovery of Northern Pike in Placid Lake. Similar harvest, report, and turn in regulations are in place for unauthorized introductions for Northern Pike in Lake Mary Ronan, Walleye in Swan Lake, and Brown Trout in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam. Habitat in Placid Lake is conducive for Northern Pike and expansion of the pike population would jeopardize existing sport fisheries and native fish populations. Management action is based on guidance outlined in ARM 12.7.15